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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

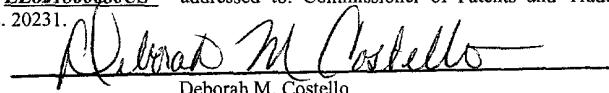
Claim 6, line 1, delete "any one of claims 3 to 5" and insert therefor – claim 3 --.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any one of claims 3 to 5" and insert therefor – claim 3 --.

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**REMARKS**

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to eliminate the multiple dependencies in the claims.

Enclosed herewith is a clean copy of the amended claims.

Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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